

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

REQUEST FOR VILLAGE BOARD CONSIDERATION

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Body Worn and In-Car Video System Replacement

REPORT PREPARED BY: Police Chief Jeff A. Caponera

REPORT DATE: June 6, 2022 MEETING DATE: June 20, 2022

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

No additional comments to this report _____

See attached comments _____

FISCAL SUMMARY:

Budget Line Item: CIP
Budget Summary: _____
Budgeted Expenditure: \$50,000
Budgeted Revenue: \$44,000

STATUTORY REFERENCE:

Wisconsin Statutes: _____
Municipal Code: _____

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

In 2021, the Village Board approved the Police Department's 2022-2026 CIP which included the purchase of new body worn cameras (BWC) and in-car video systems to replace our outdated systems. The allocation in FY 2022 is \$20,000 and in FY 2023 will be requested for \$30,000. When the request was initially made, the numbers were based on "best guess" not actual quotes as it would have been too cumbersome to obtain multiple quotes to get a number that was likely to change because of the timeframe involved.

Upon confirmation that the CIP was approved for the requested \$50,000 over the two fiscal years, we sought formal quotes. The company we chose is Axon, the same company we use for our electronic control devices (Taser) as there is an integration component shared between the Taser and the BWC. Essentially, when an officer deploys the Taser, it will automatically trigger the BWC so the event will be captured on video. This is also true of the officers' firearm. Removing the firearm from the holster will automatically trigger the BWC to activate. There are a host of other reasons we chose Axon over other vendors such as Watch Guard and our current vendor Arbitrator by Panasonic, including reliability and the ability to sync our in-car video with our Flock Safety cameras.

STAFF COMMENTS:

The quote received by Axon was separated into two different purchases, one for the BWC (\$98,921) and one for the in-car video (\$78,960). Obviously, these quotes came in

substantially higher than what was originally estimated in the CIP. As a result, Chief Caponera applied for a grant through the Small, Rural, and Tribal BWC grant solicitation. The maximum we could apply for was \$44,000 which we were successful in obtaining. Even with the grant, we are still short on funding the project in full.

Chief Caponera reached out to Axon to determine how we can proceed with our given situation. Axon offers a 60 month financing option for situations such as ours because of the large investment it requires. This is similar to the current finance plan we are on with the Taser replacement.

Essentially, we would pay \$64,000 in FY 2022 for the BWC. This is the original FY 2022 budgeted \$20,000 plus the \$44,000 in grant funding. In FY 2023 through FY 2026 we would pay the remaining balance in installments of \$8,730.38.

For the in-car video, we would begin paying annual installments in FY 2023 of \$15,792. The combined payment for the BWC and in-car systems in FY 2023 and continuing through FY 2026 is \$24,522.38, with the final payment of \$15,792 in FY 2027. The initial \$24,522.38 in FY 2023 would be covered by the already approved \$30,000 in the CIP budget. We would need to commit to the remaining amount in fiscal years 2024 to 2027.

The police department is aware of the future commitment of these funds, and is prepared to budget accordingly.

The pricing obtained from Axon is through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, which the Village of Grafton is a member. Sourcewell holds hundreds of competitively solicited cooperative contracts. These contracts have previously been bid out, ensuring we receive the best price; thus, eliminating the need for the Village to create requests for bid proposals. The pricing is for 16 body worn cameras, including all required equipment and accessories and seven (7) in-car video systems.

This item for consideration is time sensitive, as confirmation that the grant has been accepted must be received by Small Rural and Tribal Grants, by July 15, 2022. Also the quotes for the body worn camera system as well as the in-squad recording system, expire June 30, 2022.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Motion to recommend the Village Board approve the purchase of Axon body worn cameras for \$98,921 and in-car video systems for \$78,960 spread out over 60 months in equal installments of \$24,522.38 with the final payment in FY 2027 of \$15,792.

ATTACHMENTS:

- I. [Axon Quote-BWC](#)
- II. [Axon Quote-Fleet3](#)